

## METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

### SPECIAL Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

4:08 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

**Present:** Chairman: CM Heiner  
Members: CW Flood, CM Peden and CM Blackwell  
**Absent:** CW Woolridge (excused absence)

Chairman Heiner announced the members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

### THIS IS A SPECIAL MEETING

#### Special Items For Discussion

- 1- [What is the current state of drug sales, use, abuse, in Louisville Metro - How do we compare with past years presented by Louisville Metro Police Department.](#)

Chairman Heiner began the discussion on the topic of drug sales, use, and abuse in Louisville Metro communities. He invited Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) to review programs currently implemented and statistical information on the drug existence in the communities of Metro Louisville. Informational handouts were distributed. (attached)

LMPD to give an overview and will be invited back in December for further updated information.

Lt. Col. Troy Riggs and Major Jim Sohan, Narcotics and Intelligence Division of Louisville Metro Police Department spoke. The following was discussed:

- Merger History with Louisville Police Department Division of Narcotics
  - April 2008 – Chief Robert White merged the Narcotics Unit with Intelligence, Vice and Homeland Security Units
  - Goal of reaching the best possible policing and re-evaluation of the process of policing
- Currently Seen Most Common Problems by the Narcotics
  - Over 3,000 cases open and arrested of about 1,200
  - Street Value of about \$56 million taken off the streets of Metro Louisville
  - Goal of Flex Team is to eradicate drug trends on the streets
- Four top used drugs in Metro Louisville & in Kentucky
  - Marijuana
  - Prescription Drugs
    - Safeguards for prescription drugs
  - Cocaine/Crack
  - Meth
    - Meth Check system
- Common safety precautions to deter drug abuse
- Educational Campaigns/Community Outreach Programs
- Cops Meth Initiative Grant of \$450,000 in 2007
- Metro Corrections Housing
- Recruit class training
- Drug abuse can be contributed to about 1/3 of the homicides in Louisville
- University of Louisville Dental school – anticipating more involvement on the tell-tale signs of abuse/use, especially in juveniles

## **Pending Legislation**

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[R-189-11-08 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET CONCERNING A \\$35,000.00 GRANT FOR THE PROMOTION OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS AND BEST ENERGY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.](#)

**Status:** In-Committee

**Committee:** Public Safety

**Primary Sponsor:** Vicki Welch

Motion to approve made by Madonna Flood and seconded by Rick Blackwell

Cass Harris, Metro Department of Public Works, stated the grant was for the position of an Energy Efficiency Program/Best Energy Management Practices. The following was discussed:

- The position supports on-going energy efficiencies activities across the community
- Energy Star has adopted Louisville as a model City on energy efficiency for the rest of the Country
  - Hands on help unavailable to most communities
  - Working closer together
  - Developed Louisville Energy Alliance (LEA)
- Incentive programs for companies and non-profit organizations to promote energy efficiencies
- Kilowatt Krackdown Program for entities in competition on energy savings initiatives
  - Office Towers
  - Hospitals
  - Museums
  - Hotels
  - School System
  - Metro Government
  - Metropolitan Sewer District
  - Humana
  - E-on
  - YUM!
  - Papa John's
- Education program to bring in various resources
- Jefferson County Public Schools is biggest customer with various buildings and locations
- Desire to include the residential sector in the Kilowatt Krackdown
- No local match required

References mentioned:

[www.energystar.gov/challenge](http://www.energystar.gov/challenge)

- GoGreen Louisville bar – details all available activities

[www.louisvilleenergyalliance.com](http://www.louisvilleenergyalliance.com)

Without objection, the item was sent to the **CONSENT CALENDAR** for the 11/20/08 Metro Council Meeting.

Motion to Adjourn made by Madonna Flood; without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:55PM

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**\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting, November 20, 2008.**